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My darling little Francis:-

Thanks very, very much for that wonderful big letter of the 9th and, believe me it put me in a class all by myself, i.e., I felt that way about it. I was so glad to get it, I didn't know what to do. If you been here at that time I think I would have eaten you up, and oh! how I miss those kisses, sweetheart. I want them, I want them & only pray to the Infinite to help me so that I may be with you in the near, near future. You say you are discouraged because you can't cook as good as my mother. Honey, dear, I don't, ~~is~~ didn't expect you to, at any rate for some time, but I'm sure, if God blesses us with long life and like the life my parents have led, I'm sure you will be capable of caring for a home as my mother, when you get to be her age. That seems to worry you, but what makes me feel discouraged is the fact that only a few paltry hundred dollars keeps us seperated. Oh, sweetheart, if I only had it now, I would be back in N. Y. & wouldn't leave, with God's will, without you. I believe it was because we love each other so that my cold passed so quick & you can believe me, if I'm in any pain or distress, I'll let you know because when I do so, I'm sure it will

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go by, but you must do the same thing and let me know everything. How you are feeling & what you are doing, so that my mind may rest easy. Of course, I'll follow all instructions because, well —— I suppose I must do my part of the "obey" part, & might as well begin now. Isn't that so?

I sure was glad to hear that you had such a nice time at the house Friday eve. I was so lonesome & felt so blue, that I purposely sat down to dream of home, of you, of how I would meet you at the station & be greeted with a sweet little kiss. Oh, darling, I can do nothing but think of you & dream of you being in my arms, sitting on my lap and tell me how you love me. Had you been setting on my lap & your arms about me & kissing me that Friday night, I'm sure I would have ~~agained~~ gained at least 10 lbs., but I suppose, fate has decided thus since we didn't go to New Jersey; so I'll have to content myself.

My grandfather sure is a sport & I myself would get drink with him, if you will permit me to, on our wedding day. That day when I'll be able to say "mine" so far as mortality is concerned and as sure as there is an Infinite Power that guids our steps and protects us, I'll take care of

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you and make you feel so that you will have no cause to regret your step. This is no idle talk & no vain or silly remark, but it's spoken, or written rather, direct from the heart, and I will follow my dear old dad to the letter, if I but can.

Dear, I was glad that you stayed over night at the house, but sweetheart, why is it that your mother feels angry when you come over? Is she sore with me? Doesn't she like me any more? You told me she did, a little. I've got to get on her good side & show her that I'm going to love & take care of my (her's too) Frances

While writing, that bunch of puremboy came & believe, talk about fun. My roommate had 1/2 interest in it as I've said, and after eating his share, he comes back for more, so I calmly told him he can't get any more, then he yells "Half is mine, ain't it". What do you know about that, eh?

Well, to go back a little, I wish I saw you all dressed up. I'm dog-gone sorry I wasn't there. Imagine my Frances in men's attire Oh, Lord, what fun I would have.

Now, dear, about Goldberger. I'm keeping a watch on him & don't intend to ever let him attend to my business. And what do you think? The other fellow that said he was

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going to leave me, didn't, & said he couldn't go anywhere else to save his life. That did me a lot of good, as that shows me I'm on the right track! Another man came to see me, and my room-mate & loving friend Goldberger ~~who~~ being present he said of me "That boy is alright. He's going to make good." Isn't that fine? A few more like that & I'm O.K. in the practice of law.

I think that it would be better for us to buy the furniture ~~here~~ when you get here, because there's such nice suits here that I don't know which one to take, so I will leave it to you. Keep on your embroidery & make a few little things that are nice. I saw a girl walking with a fellow & she was merely dressed in a dress something like your gray one, so I followed them about & blows to get a good look at her face. Oh! well, I'm luckier than he is. I've got you & he hasn't, so my foolish mind is at rest.

I'll close now, beloved, waiting anxiously for mail from, and with all my love and all my yearning for you, to you, my own little sweetheart,

Lovingly
Joe.

Am sending my picture under separate cover.